**Resilience iCAP Team January Meeting Agenda**

January 10th

10:30 – 11:30 AMvia Zoom:

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88008378104?pwd=ZU5FcHErVGlFVjA2Vkt4UnhuRkZrZz09>

*Members in attendance:* Warren Lavey, Asli Topuzlu, Stacy Gloss, Meredith Moore, Morgan White, Jennifer Fraterrigo, Linda Derhak, Scott Tess, Helen Anil, Caitlin Kelly, Marcus Ricci, Cheryl Bicknell, Gabriel Harper-Hagen

*Members in absence:* Ella Zervakis, Lisa Merrifield, Constance Brown, Nichole Millage, Katie Simpson,

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions! - Asli
   * Ice breaker question: If you could learn one new personal or professional skill, what would it be?
2. Updates on the Biodiversity Plan – Gabe
3. Discussion on recommendation/project ideas/goals for this semester – everyone

**Full meeting recording can be found** [**here**](https://uofi.box.com/s/toqqumoxuazw7jg70krrpfcawmnt9enc)

Meeting notes

* Cheryl Bicknell – the new Facilities & Services representative of the Resilience iCAP Team!
  + Cheryl is a licensed architect and master gardener (sustainability advocate in general)
* Gabriel Harper-Hagen – graduate student at Sustainable Urban Design, has some background in ACES and NRES
  + Gabe is the student intern of Urban Biodiversity Master Plan project; he works with Lisa Merrifield

**Biodiversity Master Plan**

* Brief background of the plan
  + Goal of this project is to understand the biodiversity of Urbana, Champaign, Savoy, and campus communities
    - Acknowledge and celebrate achievements that we have on biodiversity
    - Where does the community excel in terms of biodiversity and what are the gaps
    - Make suggestions to help fill in the biodiversity gaps at the regions
  + Gabe surveyed 50 people in the community over the summer along with research and created a very comprehensive biodiversity plan document
* Biodiversity Plan Update document (Gabe’s full presentation of the document can be found at the [meeting recording **18:00 – 30:52**](https://uofi.box.com/s/toqqumoxuazw7jg70krrpfcawmnt9enc))
  + Background
    - What is Biodiversity?
    - What is a Biodiversity Master Plan?
    - Why Should We Have a Plan?
    - Why on a Regional Scale?
    - What Does Increased Diversity Help With?
    - Why is This Important Now?
  + Purpose
    - Acknowledge and celebrate achievements
    - Define issues and problems without a biodiversity plan
    - Unify the regions to bring communities together
    - Help value long term benefits of biodiversity
  + Methods
    - Snowball survey
    - Research
    - Region graphics and maps
    - Public biodiversity survey
  + Achievements (Assets)
    - Section of all the assets of the region identified
  + Opportunities and Gaps (Needs)
  + Goals
    - Short-term
    - Medium-term
    - Long-term
  + Strategies
    - Creation of a Working Group
    - Survey the Land and Research
    - Public Outreach and Education
    - Expanding Natural Area and Habitat Creation
    - Reducing Carbon Footprint and Climate Strategies
    - Maintenance
    - Zoning Codes and Ordinances
    - Developing a System to Gauge Effectiveness of Plan
  + Appendix
* Team suggestions/feedbacks on biodiversity plan document (full discussion at [meeting recording **30:52 – 43:46**](https://uofi.box.com/s/toqqumoxuazw7jg70krrpfcawmnt9enc))
  + A separate section on potential costs and funding/grant sources should be added to the biodiversity plan document
  + A lot of potential for partnering with other agencies and groups in a regional scope interested in the acquisition of natural lands and restoration
    - Ways to reach out to these agencies/groups can be added to the document
    - Gabe wants to unite existing interested organizations with the Working Group
  + Which places/areas should we prioritize?
    - Can be put under the “Survey the Land and Research” part of the Strategies section
  + Need to emphasize the benefits of having a master plan
    - Coordination purpose of certain species, sharing best practices, opportunities for research
    - Can tie this to iCAP purposes – why the campus should be working on this as part of their initiatives
  + “How much enthusiasm are you [Gabe] getting from stakeholder groups about having this master plan?” – referring to the interviews that Gabe conducted??
    - Gabe will include a list of people that he surveyed
    - Overall people are excited about this while others think more planning and communication among groups (i.e. professors) is needed
  + Educating public is important – maybe having some kind of open lecture series about biodiversity or some trips to public gardens?

**Team goals for this semester**

* Stacy will continue to participate in the weekly meetings of Gabe and Lisa on Biodiversity Plan project to stay in touch and update the team on the progress of the project
* Sustainability Economics Analysis recommendation
  + Still isn’t ready to submit to the iWG for review due to still not sure of how this internship position might be funded
  + Stacy will present the recommendation at the iSEE Management meeting this afternoon and ask for feedback/input – she will send the updated rec to the team
* Team decided to work on local carbon offsets projects
  + The campus needs to buy replacement carbon offsets for the carbon credits that campus sold
    - There will be profit from the sales that campus can spend it for campus sustainability
    - This can be related to carbon accounting and carbon offset purchasing & selling
  + We should prioritize looking for local offsets